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Title: Need to provide canal-based augmented drinking as well as irrigation water supply under NABARD scheme for villages of Badhra region in Bhiwani-Mahendragarh Parliamentary constituency, Haryana.

SHRIMATI SHRUTI CHOUDHRY (BHIWANI-MAHENDRAGARH): I would like to draw the attention of the House to the need of providing canal-based water supply under NABARD Scheme to Badhra Region, District Bhiwani in my Parliamentary Constituency Bhiwani-Mahendergarh (Haryana).

Badhra region of Bhiwani district is a chronically drought affected area and there is an acute shortage of drinking water. Further, the tubewell scheme is not successful due to too much depletion in groundwater level and the quantity and quality of underground water in the area poses a problem. I would like to bring to your kind notice that since Jan 2013, the State Government of Haryana has declared about 75 villages of Badhra region as "Dark Zone" to control depletion in groundwater level in this over-exploited area of South Haryana. The Government has imposed total ban on drilling of new borewells, distribution of transformers to the existing tubewells and power connection to the new tubewells. As a result, the people in the area are facing a grave problem due to acute scarcity of sustainable drinking and irrigation water. Hence, a major project for providing *"canal based"* augmented drinking water supply under NABARD scheme to about 75 villages of Badhra Assembly Constituency is the need of the hour.

I earnestly urge the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development to look into the matter personally and issue necessary instructions to the authorities concerned to take steps to establish a major project for providing *"canal based"* augmented drinking as well as irrigation water supply under NABARD scheme for about 75 villages of Badhra Region, promptly. As a result, the people of this backward region of South Haryana will be benefitted with safe potable/ irrigation water.